



CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Jeannie Hefty, Mayor
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk
Tuesday, August 2, 2016

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jeannie Hefty called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Ed Johnson, John Ekes, Bob Grandi, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Jon Schultz, *Tom Preusker and Todd Bauman. Excused: None

Also present: City Administrator Carina Walters, Director of Administrative Services Megan Watkins, Treasurer and Budget Officer Steve DeQuaker, City Attorney John Bjelajac, DPW Director James Bergles, Building Inspector Gregory Guidry, Police Chief Mark Anderson, Fire Chief Alan Babe, and Tom Foht of Kapur & Associates.

*Alderman Tom Preusker arrived at 6:46 p.m.

2. Citizens Comments and Questions

Darrell Crone, 409 Kendall Street, commented in favor of building a new pool for the community and expressed concerns that if the current pool is closed down, it could very well affect revenue that would otherwise be generated because of the pool.

3. Approval of Minutes from July 19 2016

A motion was made by Ekes with a second by Johnson to approve the minutes from July 19, 2016. With all in favor, the motion carried to approve the minutes.

4. Topic: Discussion regarding the intersection at Milwaukee Avenue and Pine Street.

Mayor Hefty re-introduced Stephanie Olsson from Traffic Analysis and Design, Inc. (TADI). Olsson reviewed the history of what has already been studied regarding this intersection, how those particular decisions were made, and why we're at where we are.

Mayor Hefty suggested prohibiting a left turn at the intersection during peak hours. Tom Foht of Kapur & Associates, expressed safety concerns about moving traffic onto the Chestnut Loop.

Olsson agreed to do a 12-hour traffic study at the intersection of Pine and Milwaukee in order to determine if installing a no left turn signal for either part of the day or all day, would help the situation.

5. **Topic:** **Resolution 4799(18)** to consider approval of a Referendum for the Burlington Community Pool Project.

Mayor Hefty introduced Resolution 4799(18) and handed it over to Megan Watkins for further information. Watkins reviewed the referendum language and the additional change in cost from what was discussed in the previous meeting.

Alderman Dawidziak inquired as to what the average annual tax increase would be. Treasurer, Steve DeQuaker responded that the increase would average approximately 30-50 cents per 1,000 on a 20 year loan, but would probably be on the lower end depending how the mil rate is affected

Alderman Grandi asked what the median home values are in the City of Burlington. DeQuaker responded that \$172,000 is the median value, which would equal an increase of approximately \$50 - \$80 per year to the property tax bill.

Schultz inquired about the levy limits and the State of Wisconsin restrictions which says you cannot raise your levy by more than net new construction in the City, however the levy can be raised if the money is borrowed, or if it's approved by the voters via referendum. Schultz then asked if this resolution gives the city authorization through the referendum to raise the levy limit in order to pay for the pool. DeQuaker explained that this is an advisory referendum not a binding referendum. designed to see how the residents of the City feel about borrowing money to build a pool. The residents are in essence telling the City, "yes you should do this" or "no you shouldn't do this". The City could bond for the money without going to referendum, but wants to hear from the residents if they approve first. The levy limit would automatically go up because the money borrowed would be a general obligation debt.

Ekes and Vos both stated that it will be very important to get as much information to the public as soon as possible so that they can be educated and make an informed decision. Grandi responded that the Pool Board was already preparing to send information out to the public.

6. **Item:** **Motion 16-850** to consider approving a Certificate of Appropriateness in the HPC Overlay District for 348 N. Pine Street.

Mayor Hefty introduced Motion 16-850 and then handed it over to Gregory Guidry for further information. Guidry explained that Ide's Jewelers has petitioned the City for façade improvements which would consist of five new double hung windows made with metal frames in the upper façade, repainting the trim around the windows and doors and repairing the damaged concrete on the upper level window cornice. Guidry added that this was approved by the HPC at their July 28, 2016 meeting

Schultz inquired as to why items like this has to come to Council for approval if its already been approved by the Historical Preservation Committee and highly suggested that the governmental process be streamlined and to eliminate this step and allow the HPC to do their job. Attorney Bjelajac explained that the elected officials have ultimate control of the appearance for the downtown district and advised against giving up that control to non-elected officials.

7. **Item:** **Motion 16-851** to consider approving a Certificate of Appropriateness in the HPC Overlay District for 452 N. Pine Street.

Mayor Hefty introduced Motion 16-851 and then handed it over to Guidry for further information. Guidry explained that Musicology has petitioned the City for façade improvements which would consist of installing a mahogany colored storefront awning accompanied by six window awnings of the same color for the upper façade. Trim and window trim would be painted, the planter box would be removed from the front entryway, and the old concrete would be replaced with tile. Guidry added that this was approved by the HPC at their July 28, 2016 meeting.

8. **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Schultz with a second by Dawidziak to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Diahnn C. Halbach
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